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IN THE CLAIMS

Applicant appreciates Examiner's response to previous amendment and acknowledges that claims 13, 14, 16 -18 and 27-33 are pending.

Applicant under recommendation of Examiner respectfully requests to cancel claims 13, 16-18, 27, 28, 30-33, leaving claims 14 and 29.

After phone interview/consultation with the Examiner and items cited in the Office communication dated January 20, 2006, please amend claims 14 and 29 as follows:

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14. (previously amended) A partition system for partitioning a work space having a floor and a ceiling, comprising:

a frame including at least one vertical frame member and at least one horizontal frame member, said horizontal frame member spaced from the floor and the ceiling;

a plurality of at least one spring clip removably attached to each of said horizontal and said vertical frame members, said plurality of at least one spring clip each including a spring body portion with a pair of leg portions extending therefrom, said leg portions engaging respective said frame members;

a partition system component including a plurality of receiving elements through which said spring body portions of said plurality of at least one spring clip are received to thereby attach said partition system component to said frame; and

~~The partition system of claim 13, wherein~~ said partition system component is a tile member, said tile member disposed externally of said frame and covering at least a portion of said frame.

29. (previously added) A partition system for partitioning a work space having a floor and a ceiling, comprising:

a plurality of separate frames connected to one another, each frame including at least one vertical frame member and at least one horizontal frame member, said horizontal frame members spaced from the floor and the ceiling;

a plurality of at least one least one spring clip removably attached to each of said horizontal and said vertical frame members of each frame, said plurality of at least one spring clip each including a spring body portion with a pair of leg portions extending therefrom, said leg portions engaging respective said frame members;

a partition system component including a plurality of receiving elements through which said spring body portions of said plurality of at least one spring clip are received to thereby attach said partition system components to said frame; and

~~The partition system of claim 28, wherein said partition system component is a tile member, said tile member disposed externally of said frame and covering at least a portion of said frames.~~

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14. A partition system for partitioning a work space having a floor and a ceiling, comprising:

- a frame including at least one vertical frame member and at least one horizontal frame member, said horizontal frame member spaced from the floor and the ceiling;

- a plurality of at least one spring clip removably attached to each of said horizontal and said vertical frame members, said plurality of at least one spring clip each including a spring body portion with a pair of leg portions extending therefrom, said leg portions engaging respective said frame members;

- a partition system component including a plurality of receiving elements through which said spring body portions of said plurality of at least one spring clip are received to thereby attach said partition system component to said frame; and

- said partition system component is a tile member, said tile member disposed externally of said frame and covering at least a portion of said frame.

29. A partition system for partitioning a work space having a floor and a ceiling, comprising:

- a plurality of separate frames connected to one another, each frame including at least one vertical frame member and at least one horizontal frame member, said horizontal frame members spaced from the floor and the ceiling;

- a plurality of at least one least one spring clip removably attached to each of said horizontal and said vertical frame members of each frame, said plurality of at least one spring clip each including a spring body portion with a pair of leg portions extending therefrom, said leg portions engaging respective said frame members;

- a partition system component including a plurality of receiving elements through which said spring body portions of said plurality of at least one spring clip are received to thereby attach said partition system components to said frame; and

- said partition system component is a tile member, said tile member disposed externally of said frame and covering at least a portion of said frames.